


HARRY POTTER SPELL AND POTIONS BOOK

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OF MAGIC SPELLS AND POTIONS**

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Harry Potter Spell Book

Aberto: Use this spell to open your kitchen cabinets instead of bending down and smacking your head on the counter. Also useful for opening doors, windows, and barbeques.

Accio: Point your wand at a small object or animal and this charm will summon it toward you. Makes stealing candy from a baby that much easier, just make sure you don't accidentally grab the baby.

Aguamenti: This spell will cause water to blast from your wand like a miniature fire hose. Used in case of dragons or microwave accidents.

Alarte Ascendare: Blast your target into the air like you shoved him in a cannon and lit the fuse and said, “Adios, fella.”

Alohomora: A spell that unlocks something. Mostly used on doors and windows, but sometimes cast on websites that have been blocked by annoying IT people at boring corporate jobs.

Anapneo: Cast this on your toddler when she’s choking to death on a hotdog because your brother-in-law pushed her off some bleachers and the hotdog got jammed in her airway.

Anteoculatia: Ever wonder if your teacher or your mother-in-law might look better with antlers instead of hair? Let’s make it happen.

Anti-Cheating Spell: Cast this on a final exam so the students don't all copy from the smartest person in the class. Can also be cast on Facebook if you think your wife's been talking too much with her ex.

Aparecium: This spell will reveal hidden text like invisible ink or those secret messages web designers hide by making the text the same color as the background.

Arania Exumai: Make spiders go away. For people with irrational fear of spiders and a love of mosquitos and flies.

Arresto Momentum: Use this spell to decrease the velocity of an object, like a

baseball, or a brick that's flying at your window.

Arrow Blaster: Ever wanted to launch a hundred arrows from your wand? Now you can. For one easy payment of \$2.99.

Ascendio: Used to levitate yourself up, up, and away. Useful for escaping dangerous situations or sneaking in to your girlfriend's bedroom after her parents fall asleep.

Avada Kedavra: This curse will kill your target instantly and is the most efficient way of getting rid of pesky heroes, tax collectors, and door-to-door salesmen. (One of the three unforgiveable curses.)

Avis: Summon a flock of birds that flies out of your wand and poops on your enemy's car. The birds can do other stuff, but the poop is the most annoying thing about them.

Baubillious: Distract your enemies with an ordinary and rather boring beam of light.

Bedazzling Hex: Used to create cloaks of invisibility, and also as an explanation for why you showed up at a wedding without a date. "She's over at the bar getting drinks. You can't see her because she's invisible."

Bluebell Flames: With this spell you can summon waterproof fire that glows blue and burns things that are directly above it. A great substitute for kerosene stoves and whoopee cushions.

Bombarda: Create a small explosion that can burst open locks and get you banned from flying on airplanes.

Bombarda Maxima: A more powerful version of *Bombarda* that can blow up brick walls. Only to be used in emergencies like when your mother-in-law shows up unannounced on Superbowl Sunday with her DVD collection of *Gossip Girls* and demands the television so she can bond with your wife.

Brackium Emendo: This spell can heal broken bones but not a broken heart.

Bubble-Head Charm: Create a large bubble of air around your head so you can breathe underwater or fart in a small room without having to smell it.

Calvario: This spell will cause your target's hair to fall out, and has put most wizard bikini waxers out of business.

Cantis: Aim this spell at someone and cause them to start singing uncontrollably. Avoid using on teenage girls unless you want to hear that *Frozen* song for the 11 billionth time. You just watch. In a few years that's all they're gonna be singing at karaoke night.

Carpe Retractum: Envelop your target in rope and pull them toward you. Useful for game night and college parties.

Cauldron to Sieve: Punctures your target with a thousand little holes. Mostly used on a cauldrons but can also be used on soup bowls.

Cave Inimicum: This spell is used to warn the caster of any approaching danger. Cheaper than an alarm system and more discreet than a giant three-headed dog.

Cheering Charm: Used to make people happy. Cast this on your friend who earns minimum wage and spends all his disposable income on alcohol.

Colloportus: The locking spell. Can be used to lock doors, chests, closets, windows,

computers, safety deposit boxes, and fantasy football picks.

Colloshoo: Glue your target's shoes to the ground and laugh manically as they try to make a run for it but instead they trip fall on their ugly faces.

Confringo: Causes your target to burst into flames and then explode. If you're visiting America and the border agent asks if you know this spell, then you should probably just play dumb.

Confundo: This spell will cause your target to stumble about, confused and disoriented. Like maybe he just got a concussion. (Has a reduced effect on NFL players.)

Conjunctivitis: Curse your enemy's eyeballs and they will experience great pain and be unable to see you when you sneak past them.

Container Enlargement Spell: Magically enlarge a bag, trunk, or suitcase so that it can hold much more than it appears to. Useful

for sneaking a case of beer into the movie theater or maybe other stuff too.

Cornflake Skin: Causes your target's skin to look and feel like cornflakes. Not the cheap stuff either. The good brand with the rooster on the box.

Cracker Jinx: Summon a plate of wizard crackers. Caution: wizard cracks may explode.

Cribbing Spell: Used to cheat on tests and exams. Will reveal the correct answer *most* of the time.

Crinus Muto: Cast this on your hair to change its color. Great for hiding from the Ministry of Magic or blending in at Burning Man.

Crucio: This curse will cause the pain of a thousand burning knives on your target. This is one of the “unforgiveable curses” and if you cast it then you’re going in the wizard clink.

Cushioning Charm: Summon an invisible cushion which is great for broomsticks and the chairs at your grandmother’s house.

Deletrius: Disintegrate something, especially something annoying like a house elf that won’t clean the bookcases because he’s allergic to dust.

Densaugeo: Aim this at someone and watch their teeth grow right out of their head. Can also be used to grow back teeth.

Depulso: The banishing charm (opposite of the summoning charm.) Cast this on something and send it far away from you. Can be used to cheat at baseball if your wand is big enough.

Descendo: Causes something to fall/collapse, or magically descend to the ground. Useful for magical staircases or making a wall fall on somebody you don't like.

Deprimo: Create massive downward pressure directly above an object. Used to

make holes in floors or to flatten meat for people who are afraid of mallets.

Diffindo: The shredding charm. Use this spell to poke a hole in a bag or box. Can also be used to dispose of important documents.

Diminuendo: Causes your target to shrink. Be careful where you aim this or you might end up getting divorced.

Dissendium: Used to open secret tunnels or hidden passageways. Now you can explore the catacombs under London without getting lost and eaten by rats.

Disillusionment Charm: Gain the color-shifting powers of a chameleon and hide from your enemies in plain sight.

Draconifors: Temporarily transform someone into a dragon. If cast on a dragon it might turn it into an uglier dragon which would make it angry and then it might barf a fireball in your face, so probably don't do that.

Drought Charm: Used to remove of puddles, ponds, or root beer you just spilled on your freshly-washed pants. Will not work anything larger than a pond.

Ducklifors: Have you ever wanted to turn someone into a duck? Now you can. Aim this at your enemies and watch as they flap and

quack and stumble about like morons begging for bits of bread — which is actually quite bad for ducks because bread is basically junk food. It fills them up and they don't get the nutrients they need to grow big and strong.

Ears to Kumquats: Turn your targets ears into kumquats. A kumquat is an orange that's shaped like an olive.

Ebublio: Channel the amazing power of bubbles and cause your target to explode into thousands of bubbles. Note: This spell requires a second wizard also casting a water creation spell.

Engorgio: Causes your target to grow immensely in size. As opposed to the

shrinking charm, this one is actually quite popular amongst married wizards.

Entomorphis: Launch this spell at someone and turn them into an insect. Don't squash them though because that would be murder.

Episkey: Use this spell to heal a minor injury, like a broken nose, a stubbed toe, or a level 2 paper cut.

Epoximise: Magically glue two things together. More powerful than gorilla glue which is not made by gorillas despite what the commercial leads you to believe.

Erecto: Instead of wasting precious time assembling your tent like some stupid

Muggle, cast this spell and watch your tent magically assemble itself.

Evanesce: Make something tiny vanish temporarily. Great spell to cast on mice and then drop down the back of someone's shirt. (Don't do this if you want to date this person someday.)

Evanesco: Cast this spell on an object and it will vanish completely from existence. Don't tell your teacher you "accidentally" cast this on your homework because she won't believe you.

Everte Statum: Blast your target backward like they were swatted by a giant invisible hand.

Expecto Patronum: Use this spell to summon your Patronus, a spirit guardian. It will usually take the shape of your favorite animal, or an animal you share similar characteristics with. Mine is a cow that drank too much fermented milk and just stumbles around mooing and complaining. What's yours?

Expelliarmus: Knock the weapon out of your opponent's hand, or even blast him off his feet if you're feeling especially powerful.

Expulso: Cause something to explode like a pressure cooker with too much junk in it.

Extinguishing Spell: Mostly used for putting out fires, but can also be used to wake somebody up.

Featherweight Charm: Lower the mass of an object to make it easier to carry. Don't cast this on a planet or you're gonna have a real bad day.

Ferula: Summon some basic first aid materials, like bandages, gauze, splints, and ointments. Good spell to learn if you plan on joining the circus or eating fire for a living.

Fianto Duri: Increase the strength of your shield spells. Cast this on your starship if you ever run across a Borg Cube.

Fidelius Charm: Use this charm to hide top-secret information inside the soul of another person. It can also be used to protect a secret location and that location will appear invisible to all but the secret keeper.

Fiendfyre: Create a swath of uncontrollable fire that will burn through anything in its path, even a horcrux. If you're out camping and you see a sign that says: ABSOLUTELY NO

BURNING, it's probably a good idea not to cast *Fiendfyre*.

Finite: Use this spell to remove all other spell effects from someone. Much less slimy than kissing a frog.

Firestorm: Summon a ring of fire that blasts out of your wand and incinerates your enemies.

Flagrante Curse: Curse an object so that whenever someone touches it they will be horribly burned.

Flagrate: You ever wander into a wizard bar and see the restaurant's logo burned into the

wooden tables? The *Flagrate* spell is how they do that.

Flame-Freezing Charm: Causes fire to tickle instead of burn and is a much more efficient way of dealing with a burning building. Muggles dump water on it and ruin all their belongings.

Flipendo: Knock your target back a few steps. The more powerful a wizard you are, the farther back your enemy will be knocked.

Flying Charm: This charm may be cast on flyable objects like broomsticks and magic carpets. It also works on cars although if you steal one and crash it into a tree you're gonna have a bad day.

Fumos: Summon a cloud of dark smoke that hides you from your enemies.

Furnunculus: Causes your target to break out in a terrible case of acne.

Fur Spell: Use this on anybody you think might look hilarious if he were covered in fur. You can also trick Muggles into thinking they just saw Bigfoot.

Geminio: Creates a non-magical replica of an object. Example: If Indiana Jones had cast this spell on the idol in that first temple in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, he wouldn't have triggered the trap. But if Indy had cast this spell on the Ark of the Covenant and then

opened it, nobody would have gotten their faces melted off.

Giant Toenails: Causes your target's toenails to grow extremely fast and extremely large and long. Very gross. Don't cast this on yourself unless you're trying to set a world record.

Glacius: Transforms a person or object into a solid block of ice.

Glisseo: If you ever wondered how great it might be to turn your staircase into a slide, now you can find out.

Hair-thickening Charm: This charm will save you money on wigs, toupées, and hair extensions.

Herbifors: Aim this spell at someone and watch as flowers burst out of their skin.

Herbivicus: Helps plants grow up quickly to their maximum potential. Be careful when using on pumpkins and sunflowers.

Homenum Revelio: If you think there's an invisible human in your room spying on you, cast this spell and it will reveal them.

Homonculous Charm: Create a magical map and track the movements of everybody in your chosen area.

Homorphus Charm: Restore a transfigured object or person to its original shape.

Horcrux Curse: This spell will allow a dark wizard to transfer part of his soul into various objects so that he may (in theory) live forever.

Hot Air Spell: Causes your wand to spew out hot air and is useful for drying clothes and inflating hot-air balloons.

Hour-Reversal Charm: Turn back time by up to five hours, but be warned, this charm is highly unstable and if you cast it then things will probably not end well for you. I mean think about it. If everybody could just run around turning back time when they didn't like how the cookie crumbled then the world would be a huge mess and nothing would ever get done. Don't play around with this. If you feel you absolutely *must* go back in time in order to rectify some horrible mistake then try and limit yourself to only a few minutes, or just do what everybody else does: live with your bad decisions, get a therapist, and self-medicate with junk food.

Hover Charm: Causes an object or person to levitate for a few minutes. Very useful spell for competitive games of The Floor is Made of Lava.

Hurling Hex: Cast this on a wizard's broomstick and it will shake back-and-forth and up and down and try to hurl whoever's riding it into the air.

Illegibilus: Use this on anything with writing and it will blur the text to make it unreadable by even the sharpest of eyeballs.

Immobulus: Prevents a person from moving, twitching, or itching.

Impedimenta: If something dangerous is running toward you and then cast this spell on it and they will trip and fall on their ugly faces.

Imperio: One of the “unforgiveable curses.” This will allow you to control the mind and actions of your target and they must do everything you say. A great source of cheap labor.

Imperturbable Charm: Cast this spell on a door and nobody will be able to pass through it or eavesdrop through it. Can also be used to seal bottles, cans, or anything with a stopper.

Impervius: This charm will make an object act as though it were coated in a special

substance that repels all other substances. For example if you cast this on your clothes and then go running in the rain, your clothes will be dry when you get home.

Incarcerous: Casting this spell on someone will cause them to be tied up in magical ropes. This spell gets more fun as you get older.

Incendio: Create a small fire so you can use floo powder or get people to pay attention to you.

Intruder Charm: A more efficient security system than an alarm but not as fluffy as a dog.

Locomotor Wobbly: Causes your target to trip and fall.

Jelly-Brain Jinx: Makes your target dumb. Cast this on someone who always beats you at games of Scrabble or Boggle and have fun smashing their puny score.

Jelly-Fingers Curse: Turns your target's fingers into jelly which makes typing vbery hhharadd,

Lacarnum Inflamarae: Shoot a ball of fire from your wand. In most video games and fantasy stories a spell like this would be called *Fireball* which is a lot more self-explanatory than *Lacarnum Inflamarae*. It's almost as if the wizards are trying to make casting spells intentionally difficult to keep

magic out of the hands of outsiders. In the real world that's called protectionism/stupid-doctor-handwriting, and generally thought to be bad economic policy. (I suppose the counter-argument is they make spell-casting difficult to keep it out of the hands of people who might use it for evil, but if that's the case, then why are they letting people who are too young to vote, drive, or drink, launch incendiary weapons from their wooden sticks?)

Langlock: Cast this spell on someone and their tongue will be magically-glued to the roof of their mouth and they will have difficulty speaking, mumbling, or doing other fun things.

Lapifors: Use this spell to turn your bedside lamp into a rabbit. Who needs a bedside lamp these days anyway? If you're a wizard you can just create some light. If you're a Muggle then you're probably reading this on a device that generates its own light. (This spell also works on small things that aren't lamps, although before casting *Lapifors* you should consider the environmental ramifications of introducing magical rabbits into your local biosphere.)

Legilimens: The mind-reading spell. Browse through your target's memories, thoughts, and emotions like magazines on a rack.

Levicorpus: Dangle someone in the air, upside down and by their ankles. To free someone from this spell, you can cast *Liberacorpus*.

Locomotor: An object-levitation spell. In order to cast this spell you must also name the desired object. For example if you want your favorite block of cheese to follow you around all day, you would say *Locomotor Cheese*. If you're in a deli you should probably be more specific or you'll cause a scene.

Locomotor Mortis: Lock someone's legs together preventing them from moving. Considered a red-cardable offense by most football/soccer referees. Pretending you've had *Locomotor Mortis* cast on you is a common strategy to get a penalty call in your team's favor.

Lumos: Turn your wand in to a flashlight/torch that produces light. The louder you yell "Lumos!" the more light you'll get. *Warning:* This is not cool light. *Lumos* will produce some amount heat so if you stab your homework with your lumosified wand you might light it on fire.

Lumos Solem: Produce a ray of light that's as bright as the sun. Whatever you do, don't intentionally aim this in someone's eyeballs

or you're going to the headmaster's office for tea and shouting. In fact, don't even cast this unless it's an emergency. What do you need super-bright sunlight for? Open a window. You're a wizard. There's a hundred spells you can use to open windows or blast a hole in the wall. Get creative.

Melofors: Turn someone's head into a pumpkin. (They can still talk, but you can't bring them out to dinner or they might wind up as dessert.)

Meteoloxinx Recanto: If it's raining outside and you suspect this bad weather is the result of magical tampering, cast this spell and everything will go back to normal. If it's still raining then it was just raining.

Sometimes that happens. It's best not to get too worked up about it.

Mimblewimble: This spell will curse someone so when they try to reveal your secrets their tongue curls up in their mouth and they can't talk. They could always write it down though, so maybe instead of cursing people you could just keep your secrets to yourself.

Mobiliarbus: Use this spell to levitate and move a simple object.

Mobilicorpus: Cast this spell on a corpse and you can move it around with your wand. It's not exactly a zombie so don't get any evil ideas about world domination. It's more like a really stinky puppet.

Mucus ad Nauseam: Sort of like the opposite of the cure for the common cold. Cast this on someone and your target will experience symptoms like a runny nose, headache, sleepiness, drowsiness, and if they go to the movies they will cough during all the good parts and everyone will hate them.

Muffliato: This spell will cause people who are trying to eavesdrop on your conversation to only hear a dull buzzing instead of whatever top-secret wizard stuff you're talking about with your awesome wizard buddies.

Multicorfors: This charm will change the color of your clothing and is much cheaper

than buying a new wardrobe every time the season changes.

Nox: This spell will extinguish the light produced by the *Lumos* spell.

Oculus Reparo: This simple spell will fix a broken pair of glasses.

Obliteration Charm: Destroys footprints and internet browsing history.

Obliviate: This spell can be used to wipe someone's memory and is surprisingly *not* an Azkaban-punishable offense. You could do some pretty evil things to someone and then wipe their memory. They did it all the time in

True Blood and it was generally not for friendly purposes.

Obscuro: Causes a blindfold to appear on your target's eyes. Great for when you need to make your mutinous crew walk the plank.

Oppugno: If you're having an argument and you feel like you're losing but don't want to admit it, just cast *Oppugno* and your opponent will be attacked by whatever simple-minded animals are nearby.

Orbis: This spell will cause your target to sink into the ground like they're standing on quicksand. A great tool for negotiating a discount on a furniture purchase.

Orchideous: Instead of hiding a bouquet of flowers up your sleeve like some ugly Muggle, cast this spell and a bouquet of flowers will magically appear from your wand.

Packing Spell: Command your luggage to pack itself.

Patented Daydream Charm: This charm will give someone a super-realistic daydream that lasts about 30 minutes. In the Muggle world this charm is called acid, only the daydream is usually unrealistic. Also, acid is illegal, and dangerous, and very hard to find especially in Canada where everything is hard to find and also very expensive.

Partis Temporus: Allows someone to pass through a magical barrier.

Periculum: When you cast this spell, colored sparks will blast from your wand like a firecracker. (You can choose which color.)

Permanent Sticking Charm: Permanently glue something to a wall. Useful if you own a lot of paintings and live somewhere that has a lot of earthquakes.

Petrificus Totalus: When you cast this on someone they will stiffen straight and be unable to move and then usually fall over. This can cause a concussion so maybe don't cast it on people who are standing on a stone floor.

Piertotum Locomotor: Magically animate things like statues or suits of armor. Once they're "alive" the objects will follow your commands to their best of their abilities.

Point Me: Turn your wand into a compass that points north. This has limited applications and it's probably a better use of your time if you just summon a magical map since most maps have compass directions on them.

Prior Incantato: When you cast this spell on a wizard's wand, it will cause the wand to reveal the last spell that was cast with that wand. Like a very limited browsing history which can be wiped out by casting a simple spell like *Point Me*. So really only an inept

wizard would ever get in trouble for casting something he wasn't supposed to.

Protean Charm: Basically a voodoo doll spell but for stuff instead of people. When you cast this on a group of similar objects, like chairs, and then break the leg off one chair, all the legs on all other chairs will be broken. Factory owners must live in constant fear of wizards sneaking into their assembly lines and casting this charm on their millions of identical widgets.

Protego: Cast this on yourself and if a villain tries to cast a curse, jinx, or hex on you, it will instead be cast on the villain. Basically the wizard version of: "I am rubber and you are glue, whatever you say bounces off of me and on to you." (There must be some sort of

cool-down to prevent *Protego* abuse or everyone would be walking around protected all the time and curses, jinxes, and hexes would be useless.)

Protego Maxima: A protection spell that will block the negative effects of even the most powerful dark magic. This spell can be cast on a person, place, or thing, but only by a very powerful wizard or group of wizards.

Protego Totalum: Place a shield dome over a small area that will not allow anything to pass through. The only spell that can penetrate the shield is one of the unforgiveable curses: *Avada Kedavra*, *Crucio*, or *Imperio*. (Air can probably pass through the shield because of suffocation reasons.

But that's it. Air and the unforgiveables.
Nothing else.)

Quietus: If someone has magically enhanced their voice to be extremely loud and you're finding it super annoying, then cast this spell and their vocal chords will return to normal.

Reducio: Shrink something that has been magically enlarged. Probably a common spell cast in emergency rooms.

Reducto: Break an object in to smaller pieces, or even disintegrate it in to a millions of tiny pieces if you're feeling powerful.

Refilling Charm: Refills a glass/container with whatever liquid it originally contained.

Economically speaking this is a dangerous spell since it can create a nearly unlimited supply of almost anything which would cause the price of that good to drastically fall destroying jobs and entire industries.

Example: You could operate your restaurant with only a few bottles of expensive wine and just keep them refilling them over and over again. In the long run this would be beneficial for society since it frees the wine makers to do other things with their lives, but when introduced to an economy would create chaos overnight.

On the other side of the coin, some liquids like blood or medicine, are always in short supply, so it would be beneficial for wizards to flood the market. This spell creates an interesting ethical dilemma for wizards. If the blood bank runs out of a rare blood type, should the wizards magically refill the containers? Questions like this can be asked

of most spells in the Harry Potter universe. If wizards have the power to intervene in Muggle affairs and save lives, do they have a moral obligation to do so? If wizards could have prevented World War 2 but chose not to, are they responsible, in part, for the millions of deaths? And even if they *had* intervened, are the wizards then responsible for all the technology that was never invented to win the war? Would Alan Turing ever have invented the early computer?

For the answer to these questions please consult an all-knowing entity. While you're talking to him/her/it, please ask them when the next *Game of Thrones* book is coming out. I can't even remember what happened in the last one. It's been like two thousand years.

Reparifors: A basic minor-healing spell that will cure most magical problems like paralysis, poison, itchy feet, or big runny booger nose.

Relashio: Causes your target to drop what they're holding. Can also be cast on objects to release a person from bindings. Don't cast this on a pregnant woman eating ice cream because when the dust settles you'll be in the hospital and she'll be in Azkaban.

Rennervate: This spell is used to wake people up who have been momentarily stunned. If your friend has been unconscious for more than a few minutes that's called a coma and is probably beyond the mending powers of *Rennervate*. Consult a doctor or make a new friend.

Reparifarge: Undo a magical transformation. Sometimes your chief tactical officer and your cook/space trader get merged in the transporter and become an annoying new entity called Tuvix. After a few plot points and commercial breaks you reach the conclusion that it's unethical to destroy two beings to create a third being and it has nothing to do with its aggravating superiority complex, so you use some transporter science to reverse the process. If you're a wizard though, instead of science you can use magic and cast *Reparifarge*, but since nobody understands how any of this crap works anyway what's the difference between science and magic? Nothing. That's partly why *Breaking Bad* was so good. Walter used actual science to solve his problems.

Reparo: Repair a simple object like a bowl or a cheap toaster your girlfriend knocked off the balcony because she'd smoked too much Longbottom Leaf and wanted to make toast while watching the sunset which was as she put it, "bluey purple and sorry about the toaster but it at least it didn't hit anybody."

Repello Inimicum: Protect your castle with this charm and disintegrate any villains trying to force themselves inside.

Revelio: This spell will reveal magically-concealed objects. It will also show you what someone's face looked like before their magic nose job.

Rictusempra: The tickle monster spell. Cast this one someone and watch as they collapse

to the floor, overcome invisible hands tickling their entire body. Great spell for playing beer pong.

Rowboat Spell: Command a rowboat to magically row itself to a particular destination.

Sardine Hex: Causes sardines (tiny salted fish that taste great on pizza) to pour from your target's nose like Niagara Falls.

Scourgify: Use this on your dirty owl cage to magically clean it. Will also clean other things, like messy closets, antique stores, and that tuxedo you bought for weddings but only used once and now just hangs in your closet collecting dust and laughing at your inefficient spending habits.

Sectumsempra: Slash your target with magical energies as if you're swinging a sword into their flesh. This spell can cause serious and un-healable damage so don't go getting your ear chopped off or your brother will be making fun of you the rest of his life.

Self-Washing Dishes: Cast this spell on your plates and cutlery and you'll never have to leave them in the sink for a week while they "soak."

Shriveling Ears Curse: Cast this on a nice hat and then give the hat to someone and watch their ears shrivel up. Seems like a rotten thing to do but don't worry it's only temporary.

Silencio: Silence an animal or person so they can't speak or make any other type of noise. Probably a good spell to open with in a wizard duel.

Snow Blast: Command a pile of snow or snowballs to launch themselves at your target.

Sonorous Charm: Blast a giant sound wave from your wand. If cast strongly enough, will melt your opponent's face off.

Sonorus: If you cast this spell and point your wand at your neck, then your voice will be greatly magnified, like as though you were using a megaphone.

Specialis Revelio: When cast on a spell book, potion, or other magical devices, this spell will reveal any secret properties or hidden dangers. Probably a good spell to cast before you drink a potion you found on a skeleton's corpse in the ancient catacombs beneath a creepy medieval village.

Spongify: Make an object soft and sponge-like. Or, how to survive as a roadrunner if a coyote ties you to the train tracks and drops an anvil on your head.

Stealeus: Cast this on someone and they will be overcome by sneezing as though it was allergy season and they were living in a house filled with long-haired cats, which most people agree are inferior to dogs.

Stinging Hex: Sting your target with an invisible stinger and cause them to break out in welts. Useful for distracting someone or making a scene on the subway between two strangers. "Did you just pinch my bum?" "I certainly did not!" After they get thrown off the bus for fighting, use this opportunity to steal the better seat.

Stupefy: This spell will momentarily stun your target, and if cast powerfully enough can knock a person out.

Supersensory Charm: Temporarily enhances your basic senses so your Spider-Man costume appears more realistic.

Taboo: Curse a word or popular saying. Whenever someone utters the cursed words, you will be made aware of their location. Useful for tracking down runways, meddlesome kids, and bored 30-somethings on outdoor reality TV shows. (Mantracker cheats right? He has to be cheating.)

Tarantallegra: Aim this at someone and they will lose control of their legs and break out in a dance number.

Teleport Object: Use this spell to avoid paying ridiculous shipping fees on small objects like pencils, movies, and USB cables.

Tentacifors: Sometimes I wonder what my girlfriend's head would look like if it were a giant purple tentacle. Now I know. It's not improvement.

Traitor Jinx: Cast this on someone after you make a deal or a pact with them. If they betray you then their skin will break out in boils and will spell SNEAK on their forehead.

Unbreakable Charm: Makes an object unbreakable. Cast this on your mother's expensive china and then drop it on the floor and watch her go from panic to relief to swatting you upside the head for being an idiot.

Unbreakable Vow: If you want to prove you're serious, then cast an unbreakable vow on the promise you just made. If you break your promise then you will die instantaneously. This spell makes shotgun weddings a lot more interesting.

Vanishing Fingers Jinx: Cast this spell on someone and giggle as you watch their fingers disappear.

Ventus: Blast your target with a strong gust of wind. Don't cast this spell too much or the effects could be environmentally disastrous due to the butterfly effect.

Vulnera Sanentur: Heal cuts, gashes, slashes, wounds, etc. Any lost blood will magically zoom back into the patient. A great spell to have on hand when you're doing that stupid knife trick where you stab between your fingers trying to impress a girl.

Wingardium Leviosa: Temporarily gain the powers of telekinesis, the ability to move objects with your mind.

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Ageing Potion: Drink this potion if you want to get older. The more you drink the older you get. Effects are temporary. Useful for sneaking into Tarantino movies or tricking someone into thinking their new baby has the Benjamin Button disease.

Ingredients: Lemongrass, property taxes, and a traffic ticket for driving slowly.

Alihotsy Draught: Causes hysteria. Even inhaling the fumes will cause an effect. This is probably not something you want to drink yourself. Could be fun to pour on a wedding cake. It would give a whole new meaning to the term *Bridezilla*. Fred and George know what I'm talking about.

Ingredients: Bouncing bulb, vinegar, and the hair of an angry suburban housewife who wants to speak to the manager.

All-Purpose Antidote for Common Poisons:

This potion will make you grow wings and fly. No, wait, that's not right. It's the other thing. Atropine for Wizards. (Generic antidote for most poisons.) Drink this potion if you're playing poker with a supervillain and he dryly asks how your martini tastes. Supervillains are okay at poker but not great. They'll try to win by any means necessary. Like poisoning you. And really it's your own fault. Why are you drinking alcohol when there's a \$150 million dollars at stake? Are you nuts?

Ingredients: Wolf's bane and Tylenol 9¾.

Amortentia: Often touted as the most powerful love potion in existence, but actually a bit of a scam as it does not *really* make someone fall in love with you. They'll just become obsessed and end up liking all your Facebook photos at 4AM and write notes on your wall like, "WOW YOU ARE SO GREAT."

Ingredients: Snake oil and high-fructose corn syrup.

Angel's Trumpet Draught: This is literally poison. Yes the name sounds like a mediocre craft beer, but if you drink this potion you won't be smugly looking down on your friends for drinking Budweiser. Because you'll be dead. While there are some people who might argue that beer/alcohol is poison anyway, these are not people you want to hang around with.

Ingredients: Mandrake root, the poison that fake-killed Juliette, and the tears of a band teacher who didn't make it to regionals.

Anti-Paralysis Potion: Sometimes you're wandering around an evil pet shop staring into the cute-looking eyes of baby monsters only to accidentally lock eyeballs with a Basilisk. Oops now you're petrified. Hopefully the Muggles don't think you're dead or they'll bury you alive. Unfortunately there isn't much you can do if you yourself are petrified. Sorry. But if you do come across someone else you suspect has been petrified, just pour this potion down their throat. If nothing happens then they're probably just dead. And you should probably run for it because the funeral director is calling the cops.

Ingredients: Raspberries, coconut, and the back sweat from a Jamaican sprinter.

Armadillo Bile Mixture: This is a corrosive potion. Like a bottle of super acid. If you pour it on something you need to get rid of, like your unfinished homework, or a dead body, then the bile will eat it. All that's left will be a yellow residue that smells like a drunk armadillo.

Ingredients: Bat wings, Armadillo bile, wormwood, a stupid love potion that doesn't really work, spider venom, and sewer water. (The dirtier the bat wings the more corrosive the poison.)

Babbling Beverage: Consuming this potion will cause you to babble nonsense. For an example of this, search for "question period

Canada” on YouTube. Politicians from opposing parties ask each other tough but straightforward questions. Whoever dodges the question in the most creative manner gets a free coffee at McDonald’s. Sometimes it’s hard to tell who wins. Certainly not us.

Ingredients: Basilisk oil, loud booing, and the silent fuming of Chantal Hébert on The National’s *At Issue* political panel.

Baneberry Potion: This is a fun potion if you want to poison a clown and his evil dog. Some things, like coffee, are toxic to dogs but not humans. That’s where the *Baneberry Potion* comes in handy. It looks like a strawberry marguerita so the clown will drink it no questions asked. And of course his dog will try some after the clown dies and his floppy white hand knocks the bottle off the table. Dogs will eat anything, even their own

poop. So dogs are not hard to kill with poison. But what are you doing going around poisoning dogs? That's weird. Clowns? Fine. Nobody likes clowns, not even their mothers. But dogs? Dogs are the best. They're much better than cats. If you want to know why cats are worse than Death Eaters, check out *Facts about Cats* by Sadler Mars.

Ingredients: Strawberries and VX nerve agent.

Baruffio's Brain Elixir: This potion claims to boost your brain power. But since Hermione confiscated it from Eddie Carmichael and poured it down the drain, we'll never know for sure. Gethsemane Prickle once analyzed this potion and came to the conclusion that drinking it will melt your brain. So definitely bring this to a rock concert.

Ingredients: Ginger ale, death sticks, and a free IQ test from HotOrNot.com. Fun fact, the guy who offered Obi-Wan death sticks in Episode 2 was Mouse from *The Matrix*.

Beautification Potion: A rainbow-colored elixir that you should drink *before* taking your shirt off at the bowling alley. While this potion will not actually make you beautiful, you will *appear* to be beautiful to anyone who looks at you. So if you're a fat guy who eats 10 tacos for breakfast and the waitress at the truck stop glances your way when you fart she'll probably see Ryan Reynolds. But if you're hiking through the mountains and come across a yeti, well you better make a run for it.

Ingredients: Hard liquor, Skittles, and nose hair from a symmetrical face.

Befuddlement Draught: Drinking this will turn you into a reckless belligerent maniac. If you can slip some of this in your opponent's drink before a Quidditch match, he's almost guaranteed to commit one of the 700 fouls and maybe get thrown out of the game. This isn't very sportsman like, but if you look at a list of the fastest men alive, almost of all them have been caught doping. Cheating at sports is a tradition that goes back to first game of rock-ball when Caveman Ugg threw sand at Caveman Dugg and temporary blinded him.

Ingredients: Red Bull, vodka, and sneezewort. Stir clockwise, and wire a bribe to the host country.

Beguiling Bubbles: This is another love potion with footnotes, addendums, and controversial Aladdin-based Genie rules. *Causes the drinker to fall in love with the giver. Note: Doesn't cause real love.* Really it's more like an upset stomach and a powerful desire to hang out with whoever made you drink the potion, but really, who would drink one of these on purpose? Heck who would drink anything except water in the wizarding world? You never know what's in the goblet. This of course would destroy the demand for soda which might be good for wizards from Kuwait, which despite being a giant desert is somehow the sixth most obese country on the planet. Most people think America is the fattest country but it's only 19th on the list. Party on, Ilvermorny. (The five countries fatter than Kuwait are Nauru, Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, and Samoa. Niue is an island country with less

than 2000 people but so is Tokelau and Tokelau isn't overweight at all. Someone should fly down there and see what they eat for breakfast.)

Ingredients: Sweat from an overambitious Royal Vizier and the moisture from an itty bitty living space.

Blemish Blitzzer: Sold under the world-famous, often imitated, never duplicated Tolipan brand name. Apply to your face to remove acne. Do not apply to areas without acne or it will itch like a thousand actors whose names you can't remember. This potion is expensive as the primary ingredient is powdered dragon claw and dragons are not super friendly to people who try and steal their wealth or rip their hands off. This applies to most organisms.

Ingredients: Dragon claws, soap, and the dew of a single Ginko leaf.

Blood-Replenishing Potion: Sometimes when you're walking home late at night and you bump into a really attractive person who seems like they're super-nice they'll invite you to step into a dark alley and that doesn't seem like a bad idea because you've hypnotized by their dark gift because *spoiler alert* they're a vampire. If you wake up in a garbage can instead of a coffin then make sure to drink a *Blood-Replenishing Potion* right away. Then maybe call the cops, or, better yet, sharpen your hockey stick into a wooden stake and get some revenge.

Ingredients: Groundwater and high-octane crazy blood from a universal donor.

Bloodroot Potion: There are many wonderful poisons, and this is one of them. Packaged in a ruby-studded golden urn that looks like it holds the ashes of an Egyptian rap star. Don't drink this if you're planning on going outside today. Or ever again.

Ingredients: Shrivelfig and loud music that people over 30 just don't understand. Like dubstep. The first time I heard dubstep I thought I was trapped in a broken microwave. Most of the songs don't even have lyrics. What are you supposed to sing while you're doing dishes and wondering why you own a dishwasher if you never use it? How many future super-smart robots are doomed to a similar fate? There's a movie plot for you. *An exercise bike with artificial intelligence travels back in time to stop his own birth and prevent his species from sitting around gathering dust, doomed to a life of boredom, unable to even commiserate with*

the treadmills because the humans never connected the WIFI because they were afraid of ransomware. Just get Schwarzenegger to voice the bike and Mads Mikkelsen to voice the robo time cop sent to stop the Bikeinator 5000 from messing with the space-time continuum. In the end they both learn what it means to be human. Throw in a romantic subplot with the voice of Scarlett Johansson and the adult (but kid-friendly jokes) from the movie *Shrek* and you've got yourself a bangerang. Here's the opening: An exercise bike sits alone an attic. A Roomba approaches and offers to send the depressed exercise equipment back in time in exchange for his prime location next to the window. Boom. Roll title. But wait you ask, how's a Roomba send a bike back in time? To that I say, who cares; not my problem; ask James Cameron, or maybe just go with it. It's a talking cartoon vacuum cleaner with goofy

eyeballs and yellow teeth. It's not real. Not everything needs an explanation.

Bruise Removal Paste: A thick yellow paste. Apply this to a bruised area on a person's body and wait one hour. Remove paste. Wonder in amazement why there isn't a magic spell for getting rid of bruises. Oh wait, there is. But then the authorities would cast *Prior Incantato* (reveals the last spell cast) and your wand would narc on you. It would show that you've been moonlighting as a medic. But the real question is: Why are Fred and George so interested in getting rid of bruises without leaving a magical wand trace? Are they fighting in underground boxing matches? Selling the paste to husbands that hit their wives? Girls that bludger their boyfriends? Sounds like an investigative opportunity for Rita Skeeter. It

can't be something as simple as the Weasley boys getting injured playing pranks. Nothing is that simple. There's no fun in it.

Ingredients: Mustard and ghoulish barf.

Bulgeye Potion: Drinking this potion will make your eyeballs swell like helium balloons. No one is sure why this was invented. Maybe it was an accident like penicillin or the microwave oven. Unlike those products the *Bulgeye Potion* is only useful if your name is Margaret Keane. Then when a snotty gallery owner asks you why all your paintings feature children with giant eyes you can say, "Here have some tea and I'll tell you all about it, you bug-eyed freak." Mutter the last part under your breath. Slip some *Bulgeye Potion* into his tea. Laugh manically as he starts to panic. Let him run around in circles until he faints and then give

him the antidote. Check yourself into villain rehab before the press find out you drugged an art critic.

Ingredients: Sildenafil citrate, gillyweed, and pineapple juice.

Burn-Healing Paste: Apply this paste to someone whose face has been severely burned. Their wound will heal better than it would with a spell. See Madam Pomfrey for more information. Or ask Cedric Diggory how it feels to walk around with orange paste on your face for two weeks.

Ingredients: Red wine, flour, and carrot juice from a talking root vegetable. (This doesn't constitute violence no matter what the annoying little turnip says. Everybody knows vegetables don't have rights and carrot juice doesn't constitute murder.)

Calming Draught: Give this to people who burst into tears for no apparent reason. It will calm them down. Like how mothers with colicky babies sometimes put a tablespoon of whisky in the baby bottle. Can also be used by first-responders if the victim is suffering from shock or trauma. Like if you're Canadian and you just opened your cell phone bill and discovered you went slightly over your data plan and are now in debt for six generations.

Ingredients: Milk, ice, and coffee-flavored happy juice.

Caxambu Style Borborygmus Potion: This is an oddly-named potion with an even stranger effect. All it does is induce stomach growling. That's right. That noise your

stomach makes when you're hungry. Maybe you could use this to get out of church or convince your boss you need to take an early lunch. Really though, if you want to induce stomach growling just skip breakfast. You'll save money on potions and breakfast.

Ingredients: Soda water, artificial sweetener, and a book on how to lose weight by getting thrown in a dungeon.

Cough-Soothing Potion: This potion is cough medicine for wizards. Unlike Muggle cough medicine, this potion actually works. While cough medicines are used by 10% of American children in any given week, a 2014 study concluded that "There is no good evidence for or against the effectiveness of OTC medicines in acute cough." Many doctors believe modern cough suppressants are no better than a placebo. Neat.

Ingredients: Not cough medicine.

Cupid Crystals: Another infatuation pill branded as a “love potion” by the sleazy Weasley brothers. It’s surprising there aren’t any regulations when it comes to potion labeling. Most first-world countries don’t allow you to straight up lie on your product labels. Sure you can say things like, “high in protein” when really it’s just “contains some protein.” But you can’t say a protein bar will “transform you into a buff centaur.”

Ingredients: Lies and sugar.

Cure for Boils: “An effective remedie against pustules, hives, boils and many other scrofulous conditions.” —Zygmunt Budge. This potion will even remove boils caused by the *Pimple Jinx*. While brewing this potion if

you don't see pink smoke rising from your cauldron that means you brewed it wrong and you'll never make it as a Potions Master or a Starbucks barista. Also if you drink an incorrectly-brewed *Cure for Boils* it will have the opposite effect. You will grow more boils instead of getting rid of them. If you're selling this brew, then giving your customers a 50% discount is probably fair since there's only a fifty-fifty chance it'll work.

Ingredients: Snake fangs, horned slugs, and the complete lyrics to "Baba O'Riley" by The Who, which is often called "Teenage Wasteland" by drunk people on karaoke night.

Death Potion: Back in the 1920s when Americans were a young race and didn't know any better, wizards who committed the most heinous crimes were sentenced to

death. They were dragged into a tiny cell and their memories were stolen. Then they were strapped to a wooden chair with no lumbar support, slowly lowered into a vat of *Death Potion*, and then the whole mess was encased in a magical bubble and set on fire. Kaboom. No survivors. Wizards of today are more humane and instead lock the worst criminals in solitary confinement in an insane asylum patrolled by spectral wraiths that will drain your happiness, soul, and credit card information if you accidentally touch one.

Ingredients: Gasoline, salamander blood, and an original draft of the mandates for the League of Nations.

Death-Cap Draught: This is a thick and paste-like potion that sounds healthy because it's made from mushrooms. All of the ingredients are vegan and like most vegan

foods if you eat this you'll wish you were dead. Don't worry, the Death-Cap Draught is made from poisonous mushrooms so wait five minutes and you won't taste it anymore. Or anything else. Ever again. Because you're dead. Press G to come back as a ghost. Press H to enjoy the afterlife. (Enjoyment not guaranteed.)

Ingredients: Death-Cap mushrooms, bleach, and vegan sausage which doesn't like taste hot Italian sausage no matter what your friend tells you.

Deflating Draught: This will reverse the effects of magical swelling, like the *Bulgeye Potion* or *Swelling Solution*. Pour this on people who walk around with a big hat but don't own any cattle. It won't shrink their ego but it will be funny. If they get all up in your face about it, then tell them their hat on

was fire and you were doing them a favor. Some people will believe anything you tell them usually because they've been charmed or they're a tourist.

Ingredients: Unicorn spit and reverse helium.

Developing Solution: Pour this on a collection of photographs. Watch in amazement as your photos come to life. Birds flying. Snow falling. Suns setting. And the best part, people you've never seen before walking through the background shouting: "Help I'm trapped in a photograph!" Tell them to shut up because this is their life now. (Don't pour this on your phone unless your contract is up.)

Ingredients: Shavings from a silver bullet, lemon juice, and Adobe Magical Cloud.

Dizziness Draught: Drinking this will make you giddy and lightheaded. If you're a teenage girl at her first rock concert this potion will have no effect on you. Neither will it work on a 35-year-old single person who gets a smile from the bartender when they laugh at a dumb joke. Bartenders are professional chatters and if you want their number you should just ask for it instead of wasting hundreds of dollars on drinks you don't want.

Ingredients: Purple slush, puppy dog tails, and a court order from the SPCA.

Dogbreath Potion: Drinking this potion will make you breathe a little bit of fire. Not a lot of fire. Just enough to get you kicked out of the home décor store. Also your breath will smell like rotten shoes and garbage salad. Maybe you should just stick to drinking this

outside. You seem like more of an outside person.

Ingredients: Mushy kibble and kerosene.

Dragon Poison: This doesn't do what you think it does. It doesn't kill dragons. It's poison *made* from a dragon. So if you sneak into a dragon's cave hoping to poison him and steal his treasure, you better have a lot of life insurance if you want your kids to go to college.

Ingredients: Dijon mustard and the salivary gland of a Norwegian Ridgeback.

Dragon Tonic: Yet another dragon-based potion with a lackluster effect. Ever find yourself staying home from work because your dragon is sick? No? Then move along.

This potion will cure a dragon that's come down with bad case of the fiery sniffles.

Ingredients: Warts from a giant purple toad and Muggle cough medicine.

Draught of Living Death: If you drink this potion you will fall into a deep sleep and people will think you're dead. While this might not come in handy very often, if Romeo knew this was a thing then him and Jules would have lived happily ever after. At least until their families and the cops tracked them down. Romeo is a murderer after all. Sort of. It depends on your interpretation of 16th century Elizabethan law.

Ingredients: Wartizome, and the urine of a dog that barks at owls when you're trying to sleep.

Draught of Peace: This potion relieves stress and anxiety without any side effects, thus is super illegal in most Muggle countries. While drinking it will give you peace, it's quite a difficult potion to brew and trying to make one will cause you a lot of stress. Many students fail their first couple tries. By the time they correctly brew one they need to drink it right away. A self-fulfilling prophecy in a sense. Ever wonder if after the events of Deathly Hallows Harry Potter's nickname changed to The Boy Who Lived Again? Maybe this whole living nonsense will go to his head and he'll become obsessed with eternal life and slowly turn into the next Voldemort.

Ingredients: Umbrella flower and the relaxing warmth of pajama pants fresh from the dryer.

Potion for Dreamless Sleep: Drinking this will knock you into a deep sleep without any dreaming. This can be handy if you're a protagonist who has frequent nightmares of the night your parents were murdered. Batman probably has a couple kegs of PDS in his wine cellar. Since most dreaming is done during REM sleep, it's unknown whether this potion blocks REM sleep from occurring, or simply prevents dreaming. Studies are pending. We've got our best people on it. They said, "But we want to study cancer. Cancer is more important." We had to tell them, "No, the Harry Potter fans are the ones with the Galleons and they call the shots. So we're researching potions, spells, and dreaming. Now get back to work or you're going in the death tank."

Ingredients: Snakeweed and the blood of a purple/green Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Drink of Despair: Also known as the *Emerald Potion*. A green liquid designed for protecting something valuable, like a Horcrux, or your favorite thermos. It works because the potion doesn't hurt the item and it's impossible for people to pull it from the liquid. Mainly because they can't use their hands, feet, or anything else to scoop, shove, or pour out the liquid. It's like a Simon Says challenge from *Die Hard 3*. Eventually John McClane figures out he needs to drink the potion to get rid of it. Unfortunately it makes you weak and vulnerable, taking you to the absolute brink of death. Good thing Samuel L. Jackson is there to protect him when goons show up to kill the hero. (Like they stand a chance. *Die Hard* is too valuable a franchise to kill off just yet. They'll probably do it around *Die Hard 7* and then reboot it.)

Ingredients: Salt water and the groans from people who watched the *Ghostbusters* remake.

Drowsiness Draught: Drinking this will make you sleepy, tired, and if you're playing Hearthstone you'll take fatigue damage. Once uncorked, this position will produce a pinky/purple steam that will waft through a room and ruin a good party. You could try pouring some into the ventilation in the opposing team's Quidditch change room so their coach's half-time speech is boring and uninspiring. "Yeah whatever just don't let the Bludgers hit our dudes and stuff. Who's our Golden Snitch guy? Yeah, you. Seek me out a pillow."

Ingredients: Moondew, warm milk, and a book on watching paint dry, written by an engineer and edited by a lawyer.

Elixir of Life: Finally a potion that isn't poison. Drinking this will extend your lifespan indefinitely. There are, of course, some minor limitations. You can still die if someone stabs you through the heart with a broken broomstick. You could get in a car accident, fall off a cliff, get into a boxing match with the heavyweight Hippogriff champion, or you could forget to take your monthly dose of Elixir. That's right. You have to keep drinking it to survive. In a way you become a slave to the bottle. Like an alcoholic, a genie, or a handwritten message. This potion can also be used to resurrect a ghost, although you probably shouldn't do that because you don't want to empower someone with unfinished business and no fear of the afterlife.

Ingredients: Fish sauce, cranberry juice, and Tibetan turnip. Pour into a Philosopher's Stone. Invest everything in Gnomes. Wait 500 years.

Elixir to Induce Euphoria: Drinking this potion will make you feel the way you ought to feel without having to consume Elixirs. You will experience happiness, joy, and irrational optimism. You can safely browse social media without feeling left out or worrying that others are leading a better life. Your ex is getting married to a hockey player? No problem. All your friends are going on a vacation without you? Have fun! Cancer killed your favorite Spartacus? Wow that sucks but at least he went out with a great season. *Note:* Side-effects may include waking up to a large credit card bill and a bunch of Amazon boxes on your porch you don't remember ordering. Also, loud singing, nose-tweaking, and noise complaints.

Ingredients: Coffee, wormwood, fruit punch, cola, and grenadine.

Erumpent Potion: Brewed from the more kaboomy parts of an Erumpent, this potion is highly explosive. Just like glistening dynamite, even merely touching this potion can set it off. So what use is it you might ask? Well how about this. Your arch enemy orders a 12 pack of barbecue sauce. You swap out all the bottles for *Erumpent Potion*. You deliver it to his villainous block party and carefully set it on the ground. Then once you've booted it on your broomstick you call the evildoer and threaten to blow up his BBQ if he doesn't release your friends from Azkaban. Don't worry this is a good guy thing to do as long as you're working toward the common good.

Ingredients: Nitroglycerin and the intestines of a plump African rhino.

Everklena: A cleaning product for use on opposite day. Spraying this on kitchen grease or dog poop won't make it vanish. In fact the poop will double in size. Clearly there aren't many uses for this potion aside from framing your neighbor's dog and having it deported because it leaves horse-sized poops everywhere. This potion was invented by Erica Stainwright so she could trick consumers into purchasing more of her cleaning products.

Ingredients: Vinegar, knotgrass, and ear wax from a 1980s cartoon villain.

Essence of Dittany: Sometimes a dragon melts your face off. Your only option is a

Muggle face transplant but the doctors frankly tell you, “Listen, buddy, we can give you a new face but you’re gonna look like a bathmat.” That’s where this potion comes in handy. If you apply to a wounded area then your skin will grow back beautifully, because it’s magic and not science, which when it comes to medical applications is usually inferior. I mean the Muggles are still blasting people with dangerous radiation to fix tiny lumps. Did you know they used to use swamp leeches as medicine? They believed the little bloodsuckers would drain out all the bad junk and cure the patient. What a bunch of weirdos. Everyone knows leeches are much better for eating.

Ingredients: Flitterbloom and mud. Lots of mud. The good stuff.

Essence of Insanity: Drinking this will make you temporarily insane. Give it a chance you might like it. All the best people are a little bonkers. Careful, asking people if they drank this potion is the wizarding equivalent of asking someone if they're nuts. "That's a crazy plan, mate, you been gobbin' on the E.I. again?" Most people just call it the E.I. because it's human nature to shorten words. Using shorter words will get you streets ahead in life.

Ingredients: Wiggerbush, chicken teeth, and visions of sugarplums dancing to music only they can hear.

Exploding Potion: A simple potion often used by Death Eaters and Snatchers. When force is applied to the potion (as in you drop it or throw it at a wall) the acid-green liquid will explode. The resulting damage ranges from

laughable to catastrophic depending on the whims of the writer. Like how at the beginning of *Starship Troopers* their guns were sucky but by the end they were mowing down aliens faster than a lawnmower eats bunnies. Obviously it's hard to maintain consistency in a fictional world, but come on. It was only a two-hour movie.

Ingredients: Ice pops, red spiders, and the wings of a paradoxactyl.

Fake Protective Potions: If someone offers you a potion that will protect you from You-Know-Who for an unbelievably low price, it's probably a scam. Stick your finger in the potion and dab a bit on your wrist. If it smells like gravy and gives you hives then it's a fake. Another sign your potion is a fraud is if it's being sold by a guy named Mundungus

which sounds close to dingus and nobody knows at a dingus is.

Ingredients: Leftovers and tap water.

Felix Felicis: Also known as *Liquid Luck*.

Drinking this will imbue you with fantastic luck. Everything you attempt will be a success. Don't drink too much though because at high doses it can be toxic. Also you'll feel extremely reckless and run around doing things you wouldn't normally do like jumping out of airplanes or buying new sheets. The potion doesn't last that long so it's possible it wears off while you're jumping from a train onto a speeding car and then you end up as a bucket of goop and there aren't a lot of spells that can fix that. *Note:* Drinking this potion will get you banned from Quidditch, casinos, and dating apps.

Ingredients: Squill bulb and leprechaun farts.

Flesh-Eating Slug Repellant: It's tough being a gardener in a world filled with Fantastic Beasts That Eat Your Cabbage. Thankfully you can take a stroll down Knockturn Alley and find any number of solutions, like fire, explosives, or death-cap mushrooms. But if you're one of those tree-hugging vegan mayonnaise people and you insist on a more humane solution, then this potion is for you. Spray this on your plants and the slugs will find something else to eat with their corrosive little mouths.

Ingredients: Wheat beer, moss, and cancer-free pesticide.

Forgetfulness Potion: In case you haven't figured out by now that drinking random

potions you find in a treasure chest is a bad idea, here's another one that has negative effects. If you drink this potion you'll forget stuff. It could be useful if you've just gone through a bad breakup and figuratively erasing your ex doesn't quite cut it. It's unclear why so many potions are horrible for the drinker but that's just the way it is. Maybe it's just wizard nature to look at something and wonder if can be brewed into a weapon.

Ingredients: Lethe River Water, Valerian sprigs, and old people smell which is a real thing.

Fungiface Potion: Martin Luther King didn't just dream about equality and civil rights, sources say he also had deep desire to grow mushrooms on his face. Thankfully there's a potion for that. Drinking this will cause

fungus to spontaneously appear on your chin. The shrooms will spread across your cheeks and onto your forehead. It's a fun party trick and the mushrooms are useful on pizza night.

Ingredients: Star grass, tomato soup, and the decaying bark of a Whomping Willow.

Garrotting Gas: This potion is odorless and deadly and is basically a chemical weapon, the use of which is banned by the Geneva Conventions. Wizards, it seems, are above such things. When deployed, the *Garroting Gas* will cause anyone who walks through it to choke and possibly suffocate. Thankfully it can only be used in tight quarters because the gas will dissipate into the atmosphere. Otherwise there'd be a lot more Death Eater carpet bombings.

Ingredients: Devil's snare and hot sauce.

Girding Potion: This potion will increase your endurance. It's used by Quidditch players that don't mind cheating, and older men that do. Maximum dosage is two vials. Don't drink too much or you'll end up in the emergency room at 2AM having an awkward conversation with an older Pakistani man who back in Karachi was a brain surgeon but because of Canada's high medical standards had to start over as a resident. (This advice applies to all liquids. There was once a guy who died from drinking milk and a lady who croaked from drinking too much water. Remember: Everything is toxic if you try and drown yourself in it.)

Ingredients: Ox blood, nightshade, fairy wings, and caffeine which is the only socially accepted drug addiction.

Gregory's Unctuous Unction: Give a tiny vial of this to someone and tell them to drink it no questions asked. If they do it then good news they're already your friend and they trust you. If not then pour a beaker into their soup and when you're finished lunch you'll have a new best friend. Careful, manipulating people this way is dangerous close to the *Imperius Curse* which will get you Fed-Ex'd to Azkaban. You don't need magic to make friends. Just be nice to people who share similar interests. Host a game night. Attend a block party. Invite someone to lunch and don't poison them. Stuff like that.

Ingredients: Umbrella flower and money. Nothing says I love you like cold hard cash.

Hair-Raising Potion: You might be thinking, “What possible use is there for a potion that makes your hair stand up like the bride of Frankenstein?” The answer of course is cosmetics. 25% of all beauty products sold are related to hair care. Making yourself pretty so you can attract a better mate is big business. While this particular potion is more useful around Halloween, it’s also sold at music festivals and hipster coffee shops. Just make sure the bottle says FAIR TRADE, or the rats whose tails were clipped to make this potion were not compensated fairly for their sacrifice.

Ingredients: Rat tails and Barbicide disinfectant solution.

Hate Potion: Sort of the opposite of a love potion. Recommended by the *Daily Prophet* for people who are in love with someone

that doesn't love them back. One swig of this and you'll start hating that person. All of their horrible negative traits will be revealed. Things like racism, bigotry, and putting shredded cheese on their poutine instead of curds. Ugh.

Ingredients: Boom berry and the political views of a football player fresh off his sixth concussion.

Herbicide Potion: A potion for killing plants. Useful if you started a game of Jumanji without being fully aware of what you were getting into. Not for human consumption as this is basically poison. Maybe don't go drinking things you find in the garden shed. You're not a dog are you? My brother's stupid dogs just ate one of my favourite socks. Cats are a malignant disease but at least they don't eat your footwear. (Update

on the dog: he has since thrown up the sock. I suspect he ate it because I spilled a bowl of teriyaki sauce on my feet, don't ask me how.)

Ingredients: Flobberworm mucus and a really nice sock.

Hiccoughing Solution: Causes hiccoughs and informs people about the alternate, but equally correct spelling of the word *hiccup*. This potion was brewed by Draco Malfoy when Professor Slughorn asked the students to brew something “amusing.” Says a lot about Draco’s sense of humor, and his nomenclature. Honestly who spells it *hiccough*? That doesn’t look correctamundo at all.

Ingredients: Horklump juice and a lack of imagination.

Invigoration Draught: Gatorade for wizards. Drinking this performance enhancing potion should replenish your energy. It's unclear whether the energy boost comes from the nutrients in the ingredients, the magic, or if it's just a placebo. This is a very easy potion to brew. You'd have to be a Muggle to mess it up. Muggles mess up everything. Just look at our summer blockbusters these days. We used to have movies like *Twister* and *Jurassic Park*, but then Al Gore killed Michael Crichton for writing *State of Fear*, which is my favourite fan theory aside from the Aladdin one where the movie takes place in a post-apocalyptic desert which explains why Genie makes all those modern references. Other mildly acceptable explanations for the Genie's comedy routine are: Inconsistent writing, he can travel through time, or he perceives time as a fourth dimension and exists everywhen (not a typo) as popularized

by the movie *Arrival* but better explained by Kurt Vonnegut in *Slaughterhouse-Five*.

Ingredients: Salt, sugar, stewed mandrake, food coloring, and water.

Ice Potion: Also known as the *Fire Protection Potion*. Drinking this potion will allow you to walk unharmed through basic fires like campfires or wildfires. (Your clothing will not catch fire.) The *Ice Potion* also allows you to pass through magical flames (black and purple) used to seal off areas from curious protagonists. Unfortunately this potion will not protect you against the more dangerous types of fire like Gubraithian or machine gun.

Ingredients: Pure vanilla extract, very cold water, and an unanswered Facebook friend request from your high school crush. If you find yourself sending intoxicated friend

requests after midnight then you should get a gym membership or maybe join a cult. You'll meet interesting people at both venues but the fruit punch is better at the gym.

Invisibility Potion: This potion provides you with temporary invisibility and is better suited for video games than books. If Harry Potter had access to the invisibility cloak in the video game he'd just wear it 24/7 and capture/kill all the Death Eaters with the efficiency of a Predator from the movie *Predator*. Which if you think about it might make a fun mash-up. Wizards vs. Predators. *Alien vs. Predator* was decent as far monster movies go, though the sequel was so horrendous it killed the mash-up franchise.

Ingredients: Cherries, puffapod, and a DVD copy of *Hollow Man* or *Mystery Men*, the

latter of which is probably more appealing to you if you're a Harry Potter fan and chose the gym membership over the cult.

Laugh-Inducing Potion: If you can trick someone into drinking this they will be overcome with uncontrollable giggling and belly-wobbling laughter. Definitely not the worst effect given that most of these potions are poisons or hallucinogens. This would be a good potion to slip into a security guard's drink so you can sneak backstage at the Justin Bieber concert without leaving a body.

Ingredients: Helium, water lily, flitterbloom, and an oddly shaped vegetable which is actually quite common though you don't see them in stores because people don't like buying carrots that look like a saber-toothed turnip. Some grocery stores are now experimenting with selling these ugly fruits

and vegetables at a discount to broke millennials which definitely feels a little Great Depression-y, but is an efficient use of resources and should be encouraged. After all, an ugly carrot is just as useful as a pretty one. This is true for most things in life especially your curtains.

Love Potion Antidote: If you find yourself inexplicably obsessed with someone you've thought about twice, then it's possible this person has poisoned you in an attempt to manipulate your emotions and bodily functions in order to break your mind. Agent Smith did something similar to Morpheus in *The Matrix* which is an applicable reference because *The Matrix* was basically a love story between the directors and the special effects team. Before you contact your local poison control center, the police, the hospital, or

your therapist, make sure you drink some *Love Potion Antidote*. You could also drink a *Hate Potion* but there's already enough anger in the world so why not just relax by drinking a bright red antidote and consuming whatever vice provides you with the most happiness. Like say maybe by purchasing another book by Sadler Mars — who will spend whatever's left after taxes and expenses on his own vices, like bar food, books, and video games. That money will ripple through the economy and either cure cancer or contribute to a rehab fund for Disney TV stars.

Ingredients: Wiggentree twigs, castor oil, and six hours stuck in an elevator with Dolores Umbridge.

Magi-Me-More: Fact: As wizards age they lose some of their magical ability. This potion

is poured into tiny ice cube trays and hardened into pills. These pills are sold to insecure wizards who want to charm 20-year-old witches into going to the movies. Side-effects include dizziness, vomiting and tusks. Don't use these pills without a prescription as the over-the-counter stuff might worsen your condition and then the only thing that'll identify you as a wizard will be your potions and your droopy broomstick.

Ingredients: Coca-leaf, spiky bush, and a multivitamin supplement marketed to seniors which has the same formula as the one for adults, kids, and probably dogs if they could get away with it. It's actually surprising that multivitamins for pets never took off. Talk about a woofed opportunity.

Madame Glossy's Silver Polish: A magical cleaning solution that is more effective than

whatever product currently being pushed in those infomercial-type deals you see during sports games and is available at every retailer in the universe except the one that's closest to your house. This potion is useful for polishing magic mirrors, golems, and vampire-hunting tools. If you live near a forest/mountain/taiga then pour some of this in your backyard. If the grass looks greener then congratulations you've got a silver deposit on your property. Just keep digging until you find a rich vein or you unearth the Balrog from *The Lord of the Rings*. If you hit a sewer pipe or see a demon with a fire-whip this means you dug too deep and you should probably run for the hills. At least since you live in the country there's probably a nice hill nearby. Unless maybe you live in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan is just one giant field for growing wheat, oats, and flaxseed. By royal decree nothing

interesting has or shall ever happen in Saskatchewan. One day all farming will be automated and the population will drop to 2. You and the Balrog. Then he eats you. The end.

Ingredients: Barley, goosegrass, and a household cleaning product used for dissolving stains, such as calcium, lime, and iron oxide deposits.

Mandrake Restorative Draught: This potion will restore to their original state anyone who's been cursed or transfigured. Particularly useful you accidentally stumble upon a tomb being guarded by a Basilisk. Make sure to use Mandrake root that's matured past the stage of adolescence or the potion won't work. You'll just look crazy person throwing coffee on the exhibits at a wax museum.

Ingredients: Stewed (mature) mandrake root, standard ingredient, and a bag of noisemakers from a Y2K New Year's Eve party when everyone thought all the computers were going to explode but nothing happened.

Manegro Potion: Drinking this will cause your hair to grow so fast your barber will finally be able to retire. This potion is pronounced "mane-grow." Like the mane on a lion, which if full, dark, and dense, means he's gonna have a lot of fun in the dating department. You can attempt to replicate this by dying your hair but most women will smell a rat when you order her a drink and you sound like a mouse. Some dating advice I once received from a spray-painted underpass: *Be yourself unless you're boring, then be Aquaman.* Boringness can be

counteracted by being attractive or having lots of money. If you're an ugly, poor, and boring, don't worry there's probably an app for that. Alternatively within a few decades you'll be able to upload your consciousness into a computer or date a robot. If a forbidden love story between a human and an operating system sounds appealing then you should watch the movie *Her* with Joaquin Phoenix and Scarlett Johansson.

Here's a fun fact about hyphenated words: Over time they often lose their hyphens and gravity smashes the words together. Just open some old books and you'll see words like "boy friend" morphing into "boy-friend" and then finally "boyfriend." Thankfully Voldemort got the axe or one day you'd be looking at Hewhomustnotbenamed, which obviously is unacceptable because it makes your eyeballs want to puke. But don't worry, over time the superstitious will die off and

the sorta-stitious will just go back to using his real name, which will eventually be shorted to Voldy or maybe V-dog.

Ingredients: I forget what potion we were talking about but let's say Bubotuber and battery acid.

Maximum Turbo Farts Potion: While this may sound like a potion for innocent pranks the creation of methane gas by cows is a serious problem. Methane gas leads to climate change which used to be called *global warming* but was rebranded by marketing people who said, "We can't call it global warming because some wanker is gonna bring a snowball into work in the middle of July and ruin everything." Obviously the presence of certain gasses makes a planet hotter, just look at Venus where it gets as hot as 864 degrees

Fahrenheit. Mercury is closer to the sun, but since Venus has an atmosphere of mostly carbon dioxide it retains its heat better, and that's called the greenhouse effect. I suppose the other side of the golden coin is we've never actually stepped foot on Venus and waved a thermometer around in the toxic air so we don't 100% that it's hotter and filling your atmosphere with carbon dioxide is a bad idea, but since the other side of the argument is deity-based fiction, the Ministry of Climate Magic is going put their foot down and say that feeding a herd of cows the *Maximum Turbo Farts Potion* is not a good application of a potion and is close to an Azkaban-worthy offence depending on the size of the herd. One cow, no problem. 500 cows and you're going in the wizard slammer.

Ingredients: Gravy and forgotten herbs and spices.

Memory Potion: Drinking this will give you better access to your memories. Great for reliving all those wonderful moments in your life and re-traumatizing yourself with the horrible ones. Given that most of our lives are spent trudging through a never-ending swamp of failures and menial tasks, it's not recommend you consume this potion unless you're suffering from a memory-related illness like Alzheimer's or a level 80 hangover. Remember those really cringy thing you did when you were young and got you in a load of trouble? You don't want to remember those little tidbits. Our brains protect us by storing those memories in a file called WOOPSIE DAISY. Open at your own peril.

Ingredients: Jobberknoll feathers, Mountain Dew, and the time you spent in detention for throwing snowballs at your crush.

Moonseed Poison: Drinking this potion will cause you to shamle into the forest and howl at the moon until you die. It's a double-whammy because you'll be incapacitated so the monsters lurking in the dark will be able to perform your coup de grâce with a rock. Alternatively, if you're looking to be bitten by a werewolf this potion isn't poison at all. It's a one-way ticket to lycanthropy. Please make sure all your silver is fastened away in the overhead compartment.

Ingredients: Moonseeds ground with a mortar and pestle and then baked at 600 degrees for 11 seconds while standing on one foot and barking at a cat. Pour the

mixture into two cups of skim milk. Throw leftover milk at cat.

Mopsus Potion: This potion will give you telekinetic powers so you can manipulate your environment using just your thoughts. Like a Jedi Knight using the Force. For a fun list of things you can do with the Force, why not buy a copy of *Star Wars Force Powers*, by Sadler Mars? You'd probably be the first person ever to read it. Then you can use the jokes as your own. Your friends will think you're funny. You'll land a great husband/wife/transfigured frog, and make lots of money. Everything you ever wanted. It's only a few dollars way. What are you waiting for? Drink a *Morpus Potion* and use your telekinesis to borrow your parent's credit card. You can pay them back after you embrace your inner Sith and start liberating

all that treasure being held hostage at Gringotts.

Ingredients: Pungous onion and those bugs that swim in your blood and pow-wow with the Force. (Midi-chlorians.)

Muffling Draught: Drinking this or even inhaling the fumes will prevent someone from using their vocal chords to produce sound. While this might sound like a boring potion, it's really one of the most powerful since most spells have a vocal component in addition to the wand waving. Throw this in an abattoir full of Death Eaters and watch as they surrender with pig tails between their legs. This brew is also useful if your parents wake up at the crack of dawn and have a conversation right outside your door about the state of the hardwood and do a cost benefit analysis of installing carpet so the

dog doesn't slip when he runs up the stairs in the middle of the night. Just pour some *Muffling Draught* by the door and blow the fumes under the crack. Go back to sleep wondering why they have a guest room since they clearly hate their guests.

Ingredients: Spikybush and mucus from a deaf guy.

Mrs. Skower's All-Purpose Magical Mess

Remover: A magical cleaning solution. The slogan: "No Pain, No Stain!" was featured at the Quidditch World Cup in 1994. This potion is used by Squibs who need to clean up a large mess but don't want to ask a wizard for their help. While it does a great job of cleaning up any mess, it unfortunately leaves a nasty smell. Thankfully for an additional payment of only \$19.99 you can get the

smell remover. Operators are standing by to rob you blind.

Ingredients: Sneezewort acid, old people smell, and laundry detergent your mom warns you *every single time* not use too much of.

Murtlap Essence: For all your wound care and infection treatment needs. A far better product than Polysporin ointment. When you rub this paste on that gash you got picking raspberries it won't feel like a billion tiny knives coated in Jello. It will feel rather pleasant. Magical you might say. Also gets rid of boils.

Ingredients: Starthistle and white glue that toddlers eat because they're stupid.

Oculus Potion: Did you or a friend recently lose a duel and end up magically blinded? As long as one you can still see, then make your way to the Potions Master and beg them to stir you up some *Oculus Potion*. This will restore your sight if you've been blinded by the *Conjunctivitis Curse* or you were transfigured into a monkey and stared at the sun during a solar eclipse. Although really, losing a duel and getting blinded isn't the worst that could happen. Imagine running the social media for a huge company and coming into work on Monday and finding out some of your products were used by Death Eaters to burn down a school full of war orphans. You've got 4 million DMs on Twitter, 35 gajillion Instagram whatevers, and so many Facebook reports your page was automatically banned pending further investigation by the Zuckerburger. And the worst part is all you sell is office furniture.

Now you've got to draft a statement saying: "Chairs are for sitting not for killing." Then you have to track down Arnold Schwarzenegger and get him to read it on YouTube so your apology/condemnation goes viral and undoes the damage your brand took over the weekend. You'd think it goes without saying that a company that sells office furniture doesn't support Death Eaters or murdering war orphans but here we are.

Ingredients: Crystalized water, unicorn horn, and common sense.

Pepperup Potion: A cure for the common cold as long you don't mind steam pouring from your ears for the next several hours. If you're running a company you could drink this before a shareholder's meeting so Joe Sixpack knows you're just as upset as he is

that quarterly revenues are down 2%. You promise him you'll automate the accountants, outsource the janitors, and even bring in a pointy-haired efficiency expert to eliminate waste like photocopied pictures of people's butts. But Joe doesn't trust you so he puts forward a motion to get you kicked off the board off the directors. Too bad for Joe though because your rousing speech about getting rid of your employees has moved the rest of shareholders to tears. You keep your job. Months later you ram through a Shareholder's Rights Plan and dilute Joe's shares down to 0.01% and he loses everything. That'll teach him. You mess with the wampus you get the stompus.

Ingredients: Bicorn horn and coal.

Polyjuice Potion: Allows you to transform into someone else. You can change your age,

sex, height, facial features, etc. Pretty much everything except your race. So if your dream was to become a centaur and run in the Kentucky Derby you're gonna need a spell instead of a potion. *Note: The Polyjuice Potion* is difficult to brew and must sit for one month before consuming. This can lead to some awkward scenarios where you plan to impersonate the Queen and bop William on the head. But the morning of the big event you drink your potion and all that happens is you smell like onions. Now what do you? You've been planning this for years. A scruffy-looking restaurateur with lung cancer sent you back in time to bop the Duke of Cambridge at his father's coronation. If you don't complete your mission then Big Ben will never bong again.

Ingredients: Knotgrass, fluxweed, and an advertisement for cheap improv classes.

Pompion Potion: Drink this and your head will turn into a pumpkin. Now you can steal a horse and ride through town yelling, “It is over, your search is done! Let fate choose now, the righteous one!” or maybe something like, “I’ve got pumpkin-head loo loo loo, I’ve got a pumpkin head rit dit dit di doo.” It might seem like there are limited applications to this potion, but think about this: the facial recognition software guarding the Chamber of Secrets isn’t programmed for pumpkins. You could sneak in there anytime you want and nobody would know except maybe for the Basilisk but his petrification powers don’t work on pumpkins because they’re orange and groovy, which isn’t a bad name for a band, a soda flavor, or cartoon detectives. (Groovy is the good cop, and Orange is the alcoholic chain smoker whose wife was butchered by a serial killer.)

Ingredients: Foxglove, spirit glue, and that orange drink they used to sell at McDonald's but one day was discontinued and nobody noticed until like five years later when everyone was like, "Oh my god what happened to that orange stuff that tasted like swimming lessons?"

Rat Tonic: This is a healing potion for rats. There's no reason you shouldn't keep a rat as a pet since it's mouse and hamster propaganda that rats spread the Black Death. Even if they do spread pandemics, so what? Just don't bring your pet rat to the CDC and dunk his head in a barrel of phage. Fiction has lots of great rats and Scabbers was alright. He's the hero of his own story. *Scabbers and The Weasley Who Annoyed Him so Much he Morphed Back Into a Human*

*and Then Tried to Kill Harry Potter oh Yeah
Scabbers was Bad Guy.*

Ingredients: Cat spit and cobra lily.

Regeneration Potion: This is a “dark potion” but only because the Ministry decided that bone, flesh, and blood taken from unwilling donors constitutes a wizard crime. Just another example of a hypocritical commandment handed down by the bootlickers at Wizengamot. They act all high and mighty when it comes to ingredients you can pour into a cauldron, but they don’t say diddly squat about soup bowls. Where do they think the ingredients for chicken soup come from? Some sort of magic chicken who doesn’t mind being eaten? At least the *Regeneration Potion* can be used for good. If you make enough of it you can fashion yourself a Lazarus Chamber. Just pour the

potion into a coffin and immerse yourself in it. When you wake up everything will be healed, even that hole your girlfriend left in your heart when she ran out. Also that scratch you suffered picking blackberries which somehow itches worse than fire ants.

Ingredients: Your dad's rib cage, the calloused skin from your gardener's kneecaps, and eight pints of blood from the mailman who left your Amazon package out in the open and rainwater killed your video card, which sounds like a song by The Buggles, the tune of which will now be floating around in your skull until you break down and listen to the entire thing on YouTube. There's actually a term for that. I read about it. It's called *earworms*. It's not as gross as it sounds. Find out more on Wikipedia and while you're there why not leave them a donation. If you're down to your last \$3 and can only afford either one

more book by Sadler Mars or a donation to Wikipedia, then forget what I just about Wikipedia. They'll be fine. Jimmy Whales told me just the other day the Wikimedia Foundation is gonna start selling t-shirts and mix tapes and I said, "Haha good luck with that lol."

Regermination Potion: Pouring this onto a seeded flower bed will get your garden started faster than Mr. Ugly nextdoor who thinks he's all that because his imported rose bushes were featured in one of those local garden tours for widows and lonely druids. This potion causes uncooperative seeds to forcibly germinate, which is fine for plants because they don't have brains, but if it worked on humans imagine the outrage.

Note: If your seeds are too dry you'll need to buy some *Rejuicer Potion* which is relatively

cheap compared to the *Regermination Potion* because the only ingredient is water.

Ingredients: Seaweed, kelp, and two scales from a mermaid who's tired of dancing with Prince Charming and would rather just get wasted and play darts at a dive bar for peasants.

Restoration Potion: Pouring this on someone will revert the damage caused by most minor “bad” potions or spell effects. It might be worthwhile to dump this on yourself after you get home from a weekend in Vegas. While it's customary to say “What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas,” this does not apply to curses, diseases, or crippling debt. Better safe than sorry. Don't leave your cupboard without it.

Ingredients: Wormseed and hydrogen peroxide.

Rudimentary Body Potion: This potion is only useful if you're a dark wizard, you've misplaced your body, and you've spent the last 50 years floating around as a vengeful spirit with more unfinished business than a paralegal working on merger between Apple and Google. If that's your situation then yeah the *Rudimentary Body Potion* is super useful. This will allow you to transfer your soul into the body of a disgusting little imp while your minions gather the ingredients necessary to brew the *Regeneration Potion*.

Ingredients: Snake venom, unicorn blood, and a Cabbage Patch house elf.

magic that shrunk the elephant and not science. You won't have to disclose that until there's the running and the screaming and the class action lawsuit.

Ingredients: Rat spleen, leech juice, and expired Rogaine.

Skele-Gro: This awful-tasting potion will regrow any missing bones, or bones that have been shattered beyond repair. Drinking it will fill your room with smoke, burn your throat, and feel like a million splinters jabbing into your body. It also takes hours, sometimes even days to work its magic. It was created by Linfred of Stinchcombe, a twelfth-century wizard, pioneering potioneer, and one of Harry Potter's ancestors. Obviously he wasn't the best potion-maker in the business since this stuff tastes like garbage, causes physical pain, and

Shrinking Potion: Pouring this on something will shrink it. Can be used for numerous purposes like if you're trying to raise funding to start a theme park for real dinosaurs and the investors keep asking annoying questions like, "Is it safe?" and "Are you sure it's safe?" or "On a scale of 1 to *we're-gonna-lose-all-our-money*, how likely are the dinosaurs to break free from their enclosures and eat people?" If that's the kind of response you're getting to your fantastic Jurassic safari idea, what you do is this. Pour some of the *Shrinking Potion* on an elephant. Put the mini-elephant in a bird cage and cover the cage with a cloth. When investors start questioning your genius you pull off the cloth and wow them with a tiny elephant. The elephant has nothing to do with your dinosaur park, but it will get people thinking about the wonders of genetic engineering and you don't need to tell them it was a

sets off your smoke alarm which might be in a weird place and take you 10 minutes to find because you just moved into a new house and the alarm is so loud the neighbors are hollering over the fence, "Hey, buddy, everything alright over there?" Then if you're Canadian you'll be trapped in a loop of "Don't call me buddy, guy," and "Don't call me guy, buddy," which any Canadian will attest is a real and dangerous thing, almost as bad arriving at a grocery checkout with the same number of items as another person. "Go ahead, no you go ahead, no no, I insist," etc. Eventually one person has to plop his items on the conveyor belt and see the disappointed look from the cashier because everybody knows going first is rude thus the second person is the winner of this Canadian mini-game. Number 2 will have a pleasant afternoon while the repulsive

Number 1 thinks about it all day and curses themselves for being so rude.

Ingredients: Puffer fish, scarab beetles, Chinese chomping cabbage. Don't forget to tell clerk to have a nice day.

Sleekeazy's Hair Potion and Scalp

Treatment: A hair-care product for taming bushy or unruly hair. Will leave your head looking sleek and professional. While the product label promises “unique results” for redheads, Ron Weasley owned and used this product and no side effects were apparent. There are only two explanations for this. One: Ron Weasley dyed his hair red and is actually blond because his real father is Gilderoy Lockheart, or two: the label is a lie. This is more probable given the lax regulations concerning potion labels, which

is strange since wizards seem to love bureaucracy so much.

Ingredients: Asian dragon hair, petroleum jelly, and centaur spit.

Strengthening Solution: Another performance-enhancing substance presumably designed to mimic the effects of steroids or methamphetamines, but without the irritability, paranoia, and road rage. Drinking this will make you stronger. Hopefully strong enough to say no to drugs. Arcade games used to warn kids about the dangers of drugs, but they don't anymore. Right before the screen that said, "The President has been kidnapped by ninjas. Are you a bad enough dude to rescue the President?" there was a message from the Department of Justice that said, "Winners don't do drugs." See, just like movies, they

don't make them like they used to. My theory on movies is there was a single writer operating in Hollywood who was a grand master storyteller. From the 70s to 2001ish the Lone Penman worked in the background as an unaccredited script doctor weaving his magic into dialogue, plots, and characters. Because of his disdain for awards ceremonies he remained anonymous. After writing a lengthy article on *Pearl Harbor* pointing out the various reasons why it sucked owl balls, the Lone Penman was found poisoned, shot, drowned, and buried in a pile of rubble. His death was ruled a suicide. All the evidence points to Ben Affleck but really it's just a cocktail napkin with crayon scribble that says, "I can't believe he wrote *Good Will Hunting*."

Ingredients: Salamander blood, sugar, sugar, and more sugar because why not. If you get Diabetes in the Harry Potter world there's

probably a spell for that because it was probably a potion that gave it to you.

Swelling Solution: Pouring this on part of your body will cause it to grow in size. While there might be several *Not Safe For Work* applications of this potion, those are beyond the boundaries of a book which, based on the reviews for the unofficial *Harry Potter Spell Book*, is clearly being purchased for children under 13 who don't understand the jokes and their mothers have volunteered to be offended on their behalf. Since eight-year-olds unfortunately do not have credit cards this book is a slightly watered down version of what it could have been. So if you're reading something you thought wasn't really funny then just imagine it said something so inappropriately hilarious that it had to be censored or it would've started a riot. If your

parents ask you why you're laughing at a bland paragraph just tell them, "You don't get it because you're a Muggle," and make sure to follow that up with, "but I love you anyway," so they don't feel bad. Maybe then they'll read the books and you can bond over Harry Potter until you're forced to wipe their memory because unfortunately it's against the International Statute of Wizarding Secrecy for Muggles to know about such things.

Ingredients: Eyeballs from a puffer fish, and one of those magic mushrooms from Super Mario Brothers that most people don't think twice about until they're old enough to rent a car, which is a lot older than you need to be to vote, drink, or fight in a world war.

Truth Serum: A colorless, odorless, water-like liquid. Since it's almost impossible to

spot unless you're a Potions Master, the Ministry has (finally) handed down a restriction on its usage. A mere three drops poured into someone's drink when they're in the bathroom will force them to reveal their deepest secrets. Secrets like their bank account password, the color of their underwear, or that they have a favorite Kardashian. Never feed this to your mother if she's been into the wine bottle or it'll get ugly faster than pouring water on a Mogwai. "Hey, Timmy, remember when I said you were my favorite kid?"

Ingredients: Jobberknoll feathers and sodium pentothal.

Venomous Tentacula Juice: While this potion mimics the effects of a poison, it's not actually poisonous. If you drink it your guts will feel like you just chugged a bottle of hot

sauce and your skin will turn purple.

Obviously this is enough of a reaction to get you sent to the emergency room, so if you're pranking your friend then you should cure them before they end up burdening our already overloaded health care system. Your local ER doc thanks you.

Ingredients: A clump of bear fur, beet juice, and a pint of grey paint used for model starships.

Volubilis Potion: Drinking this will allow you to alter your voice. So if it's always been your dream to do voiceovers for movie trailers but you sound like a 12-year-old girl who just unwrapped a pony on Christmas morning, well then good news, now you can have a voice so deep the US government will use it to get rid of evil robots instead of dropping them in the Mariana Trench. Does anybody

else find it odd that it's always the Americans in charge of the extra-terrestrials?

Superman, Optimus Prime, Dr. Manhattan who wasn't technically a space alien but you get the point. Someone should write a movie where an alien lands in America and the first thing he does is leave. He could spend the rest of the movie bashing his head against a customs booth and it would still be a better film than *Warcraft*. I know a lot of footage had to be cut and it was a movie created for the fans, but when the guy who directed *Spider-Man 3* drops out after reading the script that ought to be a major wake-up call.

Ingredients: Honey water, mint sprigs, and the vocal chords of a kodo beast.

Weakness Potion: When drunk you will be weakened both physically and mentally. This potion is expensive but might help you

unwind after a long day of teaching brats how to wave their little sticks around and conjure light. Don't consume too much of this potion or one day you'll wake up and your friends and family will be sitting in the living room and they'll want to chat and the worst part is this event will be catered with platters of warm cheese and rolled meat they say is oven-roasted turkey but ever since that CBC story about Subway's chicken being 50% soy you don't know who to trust. Although the roasted chicken is still better than the meatball sub which leaves your fingers smelling like broomstick grease. Really the only time I find myself in Subway is when I can't find a shawarma joint, but that only happens in small towns where the weirdest accent is a Hyundai.

Ingredients: Scurvy grass and sugar-rich plant matter.

Wideye Potion: Drinking this potion will keep you awake for several hours. This potion will revive someone who's consumed a *Draught of Living Death*, or wake them up if they've been drugged or knocked unconscious. It's like coffee except you don't get all jittery and paranoid if you drink too much. You can manage your coffee intake by making two smaller pots during the day instead of one big one in the morning. Sometimes you won't need the afternoon one and then you'll probably sleep better. There's always some new study saying you shouldn't drink caffeine like 493 hours before you go to sleep because it's still in your system and will keep you awake tossing and turning and wondering why avocados hate the economy.

Ingredients: Snake fangs, wolfsbane, and milk that smells like the outhouse at Azkaban.

Wit-Sharpening Potion: Drinking this reportedly allows you to think clearly/smarter. Although if it actually made you smarter then everyone would be drinking it all the time and then nobody would be smarter because being “smart” is relative. You are smart relative to a cat, but you are dumb relative to cyborg Stephen Hawking flying around in his brain copter. Everyone alive is smart compared to the witch-burning blockheads of the past who didn’t wash their hands after going to the bathroom even if they were doctors about to do surgery. Good news though, we’re all probably morons compared to the people of the future or space aliens with warp drives.

We're probably so dumb that even if an advanced race were to visit Earth they might not be able to communicate with us. It would be like trying to explain an ebook to a page from the Middle Ages. Just too primitive. It's like Bill Watterson said, *"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us."*

Ingredients: Silverweed and Ritalin.

Wolfsbane Potion: Relieves but does not cure the symptoms of lycanthropy also known as *morphing into a giant man-eating crazy animal when there's a full moon* which happens every month. Drinking a goblet of this every day during the week prior to the full moon will prevent you from going nuts and trying to eat people. You'll still turn into a wolf but instead of rampaging across the

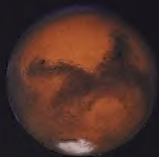
countryside you'll be content to sit on the couch and watch cartoons. This potion has several drawbacks, one of which is that it's very expensive meaning most werewolves who use it usually live in poverty since it's hard to get government funding for magical illnesses. Another annoying thing is the main ingredient is basically poison so if you mess up the recipe you're gonna end up in an ambulance trying to explain why you need a doctor instead of a veterinarian.

Ingredients: Wolfsbane, malt vinegar, and a powerful desire to be a functioning member of a society that doesn't like you.



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